



St Andrew's Parish Church

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Dear Friends

May I say how happy I am to be here with you to serve you as your Interim Moderator. It is a time of change but a time to look forward to the future in the knowledge that God is with us each step of the way. Over the past two years I have led worship in Inverurie St Andrew's week by week. You have welcomed me, and you have shown me such love and care that I have enjoyed being part of your church. I have watched the way the church has struggled in its search for a new minister and have seen the faces of despair rather than hope.

For three and a half years I lived in America. On one of my flights back from America I was beside a lady who had never flown before. She was thrilled and excited to be on a plane for the first time. She was amazed to think that the huge plane with all the people and all the cargo could actually fly through the sky. I was fascinated and found it fun to watch her as she sat excited, relishing this new experience. She was into it, was focused and taking it all in. She tested her seat belt several times, checked and rechecked the reading lamp above her. She located all the emergency exits and pointed them out to me. She patted my hand and informed me that if the flight attendant offered me a drink it was okay to take it because I had already paid for it in the ticket price. She read the safety card in the back of the seat and watched as the luggage was loaded onto the plane. When the attendants gave the instructions, she took notes.

It was a wonderful, magical moment for her, a moment she had dreamed about. Now it was happening for her and she was thrilled beyond belief. As I sat beside this woman and experience air travel through her fresh and appreciative eyes, I was touched. She was savouring the experience. But when I looked around, what do you think the other passengers were doing? That's right, they were, dozing, reading, listening to music, reading newspaper and magazines, working with laptop computers and even playing hand held computer games.

You know why don't you? They were 'frequent flyers'. They had been down this road many times before. They had experienced air travel many times before and there was nothing new, and exciting about it.

Life is a bit like that! We go about our business in the same way over and over again. Nothing fresh and nothing new. We can be like this also in our spiritual life. Sadly, we often miss the joy of the moment, the excitement of the experience, take our life for granted and we sometimes miss the miracles of God's grace that are all around us because we have become 'frequent flyers' – tuned out, preoccupied, bored, unmoved, uninspired – just drifting our way through life. The frequent flyer syndrome can rob us of the vitality and joy of life and lull us into a lethargy. It can cut us off from our friends, family and even God. Don't let that happen, instead be like the lady who had never flown before and look at life with new and fresh eyes and see what a difference that can make!

I hope that as we journey together as I serve you as Interim Moderator we can look at the church here in Inverurie with new and fresh eyes and see the miracle of God's grace. I look forward to this time and hope that God can lead the right person here to come and serve you as your new minister. Let us journey together in faith, hope and trust loving and serving our Lord.

May God bless you all and grant you his peace.

Sheila

News from the Kirk Session These are the key points from the meeting held on 13th June 2018:

- The joint summer services with West Church will take place in West Church in July at 10:00 am and in St Andrews in August at 10:00 am.
- The communion date for September will be Sunday 23rd September at 10:00 am.
- The Kirk Session agreed that the Boys' Brigade should have a space within the church to place a display cabinet to show their trophies and awards.
- A long and detailed discussion took place on the requirements of the new Data Protection regulations. We require to have a data protection officer within the organisation and the search goes on for someone to take on this role.
- The safeguarding officer requires to have someone to help with the role and the search goes on for someone to take on this role. Safeguarding training is to be organised for members of the Kirk Session.
- A message of thanks was received from Rev Mary Cranfield for the gift and flowers she received during the service on 2nd June 2018 in recognition of all the work she has done for St Andrew's during her two year term as Interim Moderator.
- The church office will now be closed on Wednesday and the Church Administrator will work on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Ken Tuach, Session Clerk

Data Protection ... Enthusiastic volunteer required from our congregation to help with the monitoring and administration of the Data Protection regulations introduced in May 2018.

St Andrew's Church, like everyone else, requires to comply with these regulations. In the first instance, please contact Jackie in the Church Office (01467 628740). Thanking you in anticipation.

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David & Rebecca Morton - Malawi June 2018

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Dear All

We have returned to Nkhoma after a five week time in the USA for our son Sam's wedding. Although originally scheduled for three weeks, we needed an extra two weeks due to an emergency medical problem David developed on the flight from Malawi to Atlanta (on the Amsterdam to Atlanta flight). The issue is settled for now, though it will require further follow-up in December.



The wedding was wonderful with so many of our family able to be there in St Augustine, Florida for the event. After the wedding we spent three weeks with David's brother Paul and sister-in-law Becky in Chickamauga, Georgia at their home (Day Lilly Horse Farm), as Becky is a riding instructor. It was a very restful time to allow David to recover from his medical issue.

The flight back to Malawi was uneventful and we arrived the afternoon of May 23rd. The financial situation of the hospital has not changed, and although some funds were received from the Malawi government for Service Level Agreement payments, which covered the cost of medication purchase for May, we are still left with outstanding payments of over MK 60 million (\$83,000) through April. The cash flow problems also remain, with the hospital needing about \$20,000 to meet our expenses next week, without knowing as of today, where that will come from. The promised system of expediting the SLA payments is not yet in place. As we are still adjusting to the time zone changes with wakeful hours during the night, David has had that opportunity to pray for the Lord's provision. Please join us in these prayers, that the system will be fixed and the hospital can have a more regular income. Of course having these situations most months is a strong reminder that the work of Nkhoma Hospital belongs to the Lord and depends upon His provision.

A major answer to prayer is a replacement for Dr Terhaar, for the medical director position. The Terhaars will be leaving Nkhoma at the end of this week for a minimum of one year depending upon schooling issues for their two younger children. Dr Tim Fader with his wife Patty have arrived to cover the position of medical director for one year. Dr Fader is a retired missionary doctor with many years' experience in Africa and Asia, and spent four months at Nkhoma in 2016/17 to help set up the Family Medicine residency training program here. We look forward to working with Tim and ask that you pray for them, for the

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strength and wisdom they will need. Continue to pray for the hospital management team with this change.

Also, we have decided that we will finish our work at Nkhoma Hospital with our current contract which ends 31 December 2018. As we will be reporting back to the Church of Scotland before the contract ends, this means we will be leaving Malawi in mid-October. There is much for us to do to "end well" here, specifically in mentoring and handing over responsibilities. We need much prayer for this in setting our priorities, budgeting our time and being effective in equipping our Malawian fellow workers to take over our responsibilities.

Pray for all of our staff, that the Lord will work in their hearts and lives to enable them to understand their calling here to be faithful in serving with love and care, which is the motto of Nkhoma Hospital.

David and Rebecca
Nkhoma Malawi

Safeguarding

Coordinator ... St. Andrew's Kirk Session are looking to appoint an additional safeguarding coordinator from amongst the congregation to work together with the current co-ordinator.

The purpose of the role is to ensure that the Church of Scotland Code of Good Safeguarding Practice is effectively implemented in our congregation.

If you have current or previous experience in a professional or voluntary setting and an under-

standing of child or adult protection then we could use your skills. Furthermore if you would like to develop your skills in this area then please get in touch. The Church of Scotland Safeguarding has a training programme for all coordinators.

If you are interested in supporting your church in this role please contact Jackie at the Church Office (01467 628740) or Alison Young Safeguarding co-ordinator (01467 625646).

Alison Young

FUNDRAISING : (JUNE)

Teas: £93.75



“The Critter Keeper”

My name is David, but I'm known in the

North East of Scotland as **‘The Critter Keeper’**. I've been looking after exotic animals now for around 27 years. I love animals and I mean all animals. Sadly, a lot of the animals I have in my care are the ones people don't like and that makes me sad. All animals are here on Planet Earth for a reason and have a purpose especially the scary looking ones. They are just as important, if not more so, than the cute and fluffy ones. I give talks at schools, nurseries and care homes all over Aberdeen and the Shire: telling everyone how important animals are and the roles they play in our eco system; and describing our responsibility to help protect our animals and planet so future generations can enjoy them also. This year I decided to do a tour and travel all over the North East to allow more people to see the animals and I.

Our Inverurie event was held in St Andrew's Church Hall on 13th May and was a great success with over 65 people attending thus making it a sell out event. Some of the animals on show that day were: the Big Red Iguana called 'Smaug'; 'Jabba' the Giant African Bull frog; 'Kaa the Royal Python; and the most popular animal in my care, 'Rocket' the Raccoon.

Sadly, a lot of the creatures I have in my care are rescued and abandoned animals. I talk about this during my shows and that owning pets is a life long commitment and something that shouldn't be done on impulse. I really enjoy doing what I do. I work with some amazing animals and travel all over the North East meeting lots of lovely people. I definitely have my “Dream Job”.



Thank you to St Andrew's Church for allowing us to use your hall and we look forward to arranging another event at St Andrew's Church Centre in the not so distant future.

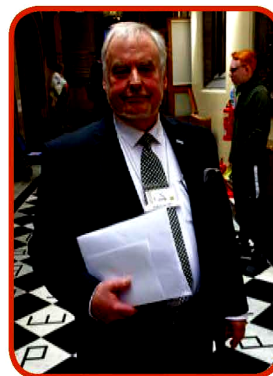


CrossReach Information Sheet

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Care you can put your faith in

Convener outlines recruitment challenges for CrossReach

In his speech to the General Assembly the Convener of the Social Care Council Bill Steele explained the recruitment challenges facing CrossReach: "Like many other providers of social care CrossReach is experiencing some difficulty in attracting staff and we have recognised this as an important area of focus for us as it is key to the delivery of good quality services. Recognising that there is no one answer we have been concentrating on introducing a number of different strands of activity which we hope will make a significant difference to recruitment. One of these is a new pilot partnership with The Princes Trust on a 'Get into Social Care' initiative, through which we will offer work placements and interviews to a number of young people who have already been supported by a Princes Trust employability and life skills programme and are interested in a career in care. We have also opened up new pathways into volunteering through a recently launched volunteer strategy, so that people are able to gain new experiences and test out how their own skills and talents may be suited to working in care."



"We also recognise that digital technology is increasingly important to help streamline processes, but also in offering new ways of supporting people who are using the services. A number of pilot projects are underway as part of the digital technology strategy. These include: the use of phablets to support staff who are lone working access care plans easily and support service users to update them at each visit; development of an online counselling platform which will allow people in remote and rural areas to access support as appropriate; exploration of technologies which will support a 'paper light' working environment and also reduce time spent travelling to meetings. We will be watching all of these initiatives with interest, and believe that they are important steps along the journey to sustainability."



- CrossReach job vacancies can be found on our new website: www.crossreach.org.uk

Take the Zip Wire Challenge

How do you fancy the experience of a lifetime? The Zip Wire Challenge takes place in Aviemore on Saturday 22nd September 2018 with 14 fantastic zip wires - 2km of zipping through the trees over a stunning gorge. Your trip will last around 2.5 hours. It's only £20 to sign up and £100 minimum fundraising pledge. Very limited places! You can sign up here: <http://tiny.cc/a8rnty> or e-mail: rebecca.tennant@crossreach.org.uk for more information.



Has your church website got the CrossReach widget?

Has your church website uploaded the CrossReach Prayer Diary 'widget'? More churches are featuring our weekly prayers on their website and are finding it a helpful resource for their members. Here's one comment: "It's an easy and interesting way for individuals and groups in our congregation to pray for the work of CrossReach." If you would like to join the many churches supporting CrossReach through our Prayer Diary widget, please e-mail: hugh.brown@crossreach.org.uk and you will receive a link with an easy to follow guide on how to upload it. The page will automatically update every week with a new set of prayers about one of CrossReach's services.

Ministry of Flowers

West Church

Vestibule

JULY

1st	Allan Duff , Middlepark (IMO my wife Jean & daughter Morag)	West Church
8th	St Andrew's Church Flower Fund	"
15th	The Davidson Family, Westburn Drive	"
22nd	St Andrew's Church Flower Fund	"
29th	June & Mike Hay, Dalury	"

2018 Flower Calendar is in the Vestibule—Please add your preferred date by writing your name and contact telephone number in the space provided. A few weeks before your date, please put your donation into an envelope with your details and preferred colours, if any, and hand into the church office. If paying by cheque, please make payable to St Andrew's Church Flower Fund.

Every Sunday after the church service the flowers are distributed to members of the congregation who are ill or have suffered a bereavement. **Eileen Robertson**, Flower Convener



Door & Welcome

Offering & Count

JULY

SERVICES AT WEST CHURCH (ONLY 2 ELDERS REQUIRED)

1st	M Keith	J Lawson
8th	J Ingram	R Milne
15th	H Morrice	A Smith
22nd	K Pawson	J Williams
29th	D Stuart	R Young

AUGUST

SERVICES AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

5th	V Binnie	M Vernal	A Duff	I Fraser
12th	A Young	Dr E Brew	R Green	I Greig

If for any reason you are unable to manage any of the above dates, it is your responsibility to arrange a swap with someone else on the rota and then it is IMPORTANT to let our Church Administrator know of any changes. Thank you.

Sunday Services & Readings

JULY: SERVICES IN WEST CHURCH

AUGUST

5th	10 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev. S Craggs
		Reader:	Kit Pawson
12th	10 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev. S Craggs
		Reader:	Stuart Watson
19th	10 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev. S Craggs
		Reader:	Peter Donaldson
26th	10 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev. S Craggs
		Reader:	Vera Binnie

15th July St Swithun (or Swithin) - saint for a rainy day

... St. Swithun is apparently the saint you can blame for rainy summers. It is said that if it rains on his special day, 15th July, it will then rain for 40 days after that. It all began when Swithun was made Bishop of Winchester in 852 by King Ethelwulf of Wessex. It was an important posting: Winchester was the capital of Wessex, and during the 10 years Swithun was there, Wessex became the most important kingdom of England.

During his life, instead of washing out people's summer holidays, and damping down their spirits, Swithun seems to have done a lot of good. He was famous for his charitable gifts and for his energy in getting churches built. When he was dying in 862, he asked that he be buried in the cemetery of the Old Minster, just outside the west door.

If he had been left there in peace, who

knows how many rainy summers the English may have been spared over the last 1000 years. But, no, it was decided to move Swithun. By now, the 960s, Winchester had become the first monastic cathedral chapter in England, and the newly installed monks wanted Swithun in the cathedral with them. So finally, on 15 July 971, his bones were dug up and Swithun was translated into the cathedral.

That same day many people claimed to have had miraculous cures. Certainly everyone got wet, for the heavens opened. The unusually heavy rain that day, and on the days following, was attributed to the power of St Swithun. Swithun was moved again in 1093, into the new Winchester cathedral. His shrine was a popular place of pilgrimage throughout the middle ages. The shrine was destroyed during the Reformation and restored in 1962. There are 58 ancient dedications to Swithun in England.

Congregational Roll

ST ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH CHANGES IN ROLL

1 June - 27th June 2018

16th June 2018

Wedding Ceremony

Lesley Will & Kevin Bowie,
15 Corsemanhill Drive, Inverurie

Service Conducted

Rev. I Thomson

Recently Deceased

Mr A Robertson, 7 Don House	24/5/2018	Mrs M Robb
Mr J W Mountford, 1 Nether Davah Crt	17/6/2018	Rev. S Craggs

Change of Address

Mrs V Abel (formerly 11 Burnett Pl)	now at 8 Nether Davah House
Mrs L Innes (formerly 10 Riverside Prk)	now at 28 Cairn Wynd
Mrs K Pawson (formerly Hillburn, Oyne)	now at Vanderval, Cuninghill Rd

Time Out ... In June, we had a recap of all the saints that we had covered this session – St Andrew, St Valentine, St Columba, St Mungo and then we heard about today's saint – St Magnus. We heard that his family originated from Norway and in those times – about 1000 years ago – there were many battles, even among family members. Magnus was the quieter, holy one in the family, though not always peaceful. He died in Orkney and was buried there. Later he was made a saint and the patron saint of Orkney. The wonderful cathedral in Kirkwall was built in his honour.



We completed our latest stained glass window depicting his life. Come and see all the windows in the old hall. We ate our feast, sang songs, and made symbols of the past saints we had covered. We marched in church singing 'When the Saints go Marching In' and once there we quizzed the congregation to see if they had remembered the saints! Finally we had our snack.

We will have a break over the summer weeks and start again on Sunday, 2nd September. Put the date in your diary! All young people welcome. We are also looking for helpers so come along to see if you'd like to help.

Time Out Team

Diary of Events - School Term

Mondays

10.00 to 11 .00 am	Zumba Class(Old Hall/Kitchen)
6.30 to 8.30 pm	Boys Brigade (New & Old Hall)
3.30 to 5.30 pm & 6.00 to 8.00 pm	Weight Watchers (Old Chapel/ Kitchen)

Tuesdays

8.00 am to 2.00 pm	Playgroup (New Hall)
4.00 to 5.30 pm	Rainbows (Old Hall/Kitchen)
5.15 to 6.45 pm	Scottish Slimmers(Old Chapel)
7.00 to 10.00 pm	Rock Choir (Old Hall)
6.30 to 8.30 pm	MSD (New Hall)

Wednesdays

8.00 am to 2.30 pm	Playgroup (New Hall)
9.30 am to 12.30 pm	Signing Class (Old Hall/ Kitchen)
7.00 to 8.00 pm	Pilates (Old Hall)

Thursdays

8.00 am to 1.30 pm	Playgroup (New Hall)
9.00 am to 2.00 pm	Pre-school Ballet classes (Old Hall)
1.30 to 3.30 pm	French Classes
6.00 to 7.00 pm	Dru Yoga (Old Hall/Kitchen)
7.00 to 9.00 pm	Guides (New Hall)
7.10 to 8.10 pm	MSD (Old Hall)

Fridays

8.00 am to 2.00 pm	Playgroup (New Hall)
9.30 am to 3.30 pm	Gordon Dementia Care (Old Chapel)
7.30 to 10.00 pm	Boys Brigade (Old Hall)

Saturdays

12.30 to 5.00 pm	MSD (New Hall)
2.30 to 5.00 pm	MSD (Old & New Hall)

OTHER EVENTS—JULY

6th	9.30 am to 12 noon	Kellands School Service (Church)
8th	10.00 am to 4.00 pm	GYMS (New Hall)
10th	10.30 am	Monthly Count (New Chapel)
11th	10.00 am to 2.00 pm	Tiny Talk (Old Hall/Kitchen)
18th	10.00 am to 2.00 pm	Tiny Talk (Old Hall/Kitchen)
20th	7.30 to 9.30 pm	RCCG (Old Chapel)
26th	9.30 am to 12.30 pm	Guide Dogs (Old Hall/Kitchen)

Thank You

Message from Elizabeth Barron (on behalf of the Amal Project) -



“The AMAL Project would like to thank you for your generosity towards refugee families who have arrived recently in Aberdeenshire. Your kindness and donations are much appreciated.”

for your Kindness

If you would like to keep up-to-date with what's happening please follow our Wordpress Site:

[www. syrianrefugeesaberdeenshire.wordpress.com](http://www.syrianrefugeesaberdeenshire.wordpress.com)

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 5th August 2018. Please email material for the August Saltire to The Church
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St Andrew's Safeguarding Statement

*(Relating to the Protection of Children and Young People in the Church.
 Adopted by the General Assembly, May 1997.)*

The Church of Scotland has a deep concern for the wholeness and well-being of each individual. I seeks to safeguard the welfare of all people, regardless of age, who come into contact with the church and its organisations. It is the responsibility of each individual within the fellowship of the church to prevent the physical, sexual or emotional abuse of children and young people and the vulnerable. St Andrew's Parish Church has a Zero Tolerance Policy to any form of abuse.